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National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections**1. Name**

historic Kingman County Courthouse

and or common Kingman County Courthouse

2. Location

street & number 120 Spruce Street

N/A not for publication

city, town Kingman

N/A vicinity of

state Kansas

code 20

county Kingman

code 095

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Kingman County Board of Commissioners

street & number Kingman County Courthouse

city, town Kingman

N/A vicinity of

state Kansas 67608

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Register of Deeds

street & number Kingman County Courthouse

city, town Kingman

state Kansas 67608

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Kingman Historic Sites Inventory

has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☒ no

date June 30, 1970

☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Kansas State Historical Society, 120 W. Tenth

city, town Topeka

state Kansas 66612

7. Description

Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Kingman County Courthouse is a three-story rectangular brick building over a raised limestone basement. It measures 94 feet north to south and 64 feet east to west. The principal roofline is hipped, with an octagonal cupola at the center. At each corner of the building is a slightly-projecting square tower block with a pyramidal roof. A gable-roofed center pavilion projects slightly from each of the four walls.

Built in 1907-08, the courthouse exhibits an architectural character that is perhaps best described as "mixed late Victorian," blending Romanesque, "Free Classical" and Queen Anne elements in a manner that was distinctive to the architect, George P. Washburn.

Above the basement of rusticated limestone blocks the walls are red brick. The tall, slender, first-story windows have flat tops, capped by rusticated stone lintels. The second story windows are slightly shorter and also flat-topped, but with less prominent lintels. The windows of the third story sit low over those of the second and continue their lines up to semi-circular brick arches with stone edging. Rusticated stone impost blocks form a broken stringcourse around the entire building. Above the arches is a corbelled brick frieze above which are white classical cornices. The front (west) gable has a classical entablature instead, carried by four brick pilasters.

On the west facade of the building a flight of steps leads to the main entrance on the first floor. Covering the entrance is a porch whose flat roof is carried by four rusticated stone piers and two stone pilasters.

The cupola is "free classical" in design, with semicircular arched windows on each of the eight sides, between which are engaged Corinthian columns carrying a classical entablature and a bell-shaped roof.

Examination of the original plans indicates a high degree of exterior integrity, with the only major change being the replacement of the windows with modern aluminum-framed ones about 1975. The interior is largely intact also, the most evident alteration being the suspended ceiling in the courtroom.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1907-08

Builder/Architect Geroge P. Washburn of Ottawa, KS

Contractor: Matheim & Walters of St. Joseph, MO

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Kingman County Courthouse is locally significant both for its architecture and for its long association with the administration of government and justice for Kingman County.

Built in 1907-08, it was designed by George P. Washburn of Ottawa, KS, one of the leading architects in the state at the turn of the century. Washburn and his contemporary, James C. Holland of Topeka, were the most prolific designers of county courthouses in Kansas, each having designed thirteen. The Kingman courthouse is one of ten Washburn courthouses that still stand as they were originally built. (Six others are already listed on the National Register.) This building is a very good and relatively intact example of Washburn's distinctive architectural style, which typically combined Romanesque, Queen Anne, and "free classical" features. While Washburn designed some buildings in "purer" style, many of his most prominent public buildings are composed in a manner much like the Kingman courthouse, although each is a unique design.

The courthouse has served as the seat of government for Kingman County for over seventy-five years, and continues in that role today.

THIS STATEMENT IS BASED ON CURRENT KNOWLEDGE AND IS SUBJECT TO AMENDMENT.

9. Major Bibliographical References

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Kingman, KS

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References

A

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

B

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21 and 23 of East Avenue A in the original town plat of Kingman.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Richard J. Cawthon, Architectural Historian

organization Kansas State Historical Society

date July 18, 1985

street & number 120 West Tenth

telephone (913) 296-5264

city or town Topeka

state KS 66612

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Executive Director
title Kansas State Historical Society

date July 23, 1985

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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Kingman Leader-Courier,

1907

January 10, 17, 31

February 7, 21, 28

April 4, 25

May 2

June 6, 20, 27

July 4, 11, 26

August 8, 15

October 10

1908

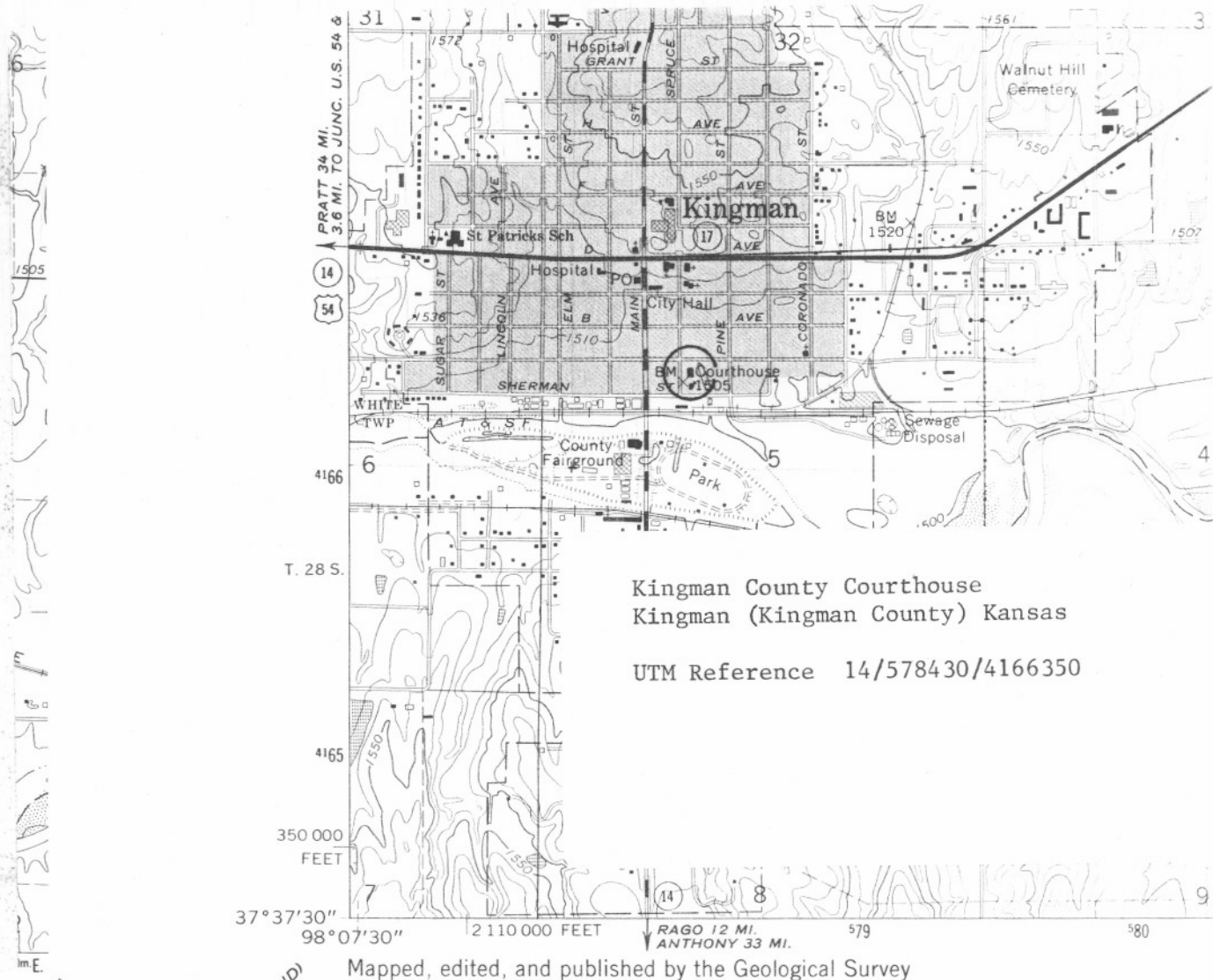
January 16

February 13

March 5, 19, 26

Architectural drawings of Kingman County Courthouse, by George P. Washburn, on file at Kansas State Historical Society.

This nomination is based in part on information provided by Donna R. Brown, County Clerk, Kingman County, and on research conducted by the staff of the Historic Preservation Department, Kansas State Historical Society.



Kingman County Courthouse
Kingman (Kingman County) Kansas

UTM Reference 14/578430/4166350

(CLEVELAND)
6359 11 SW

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS and USC&GS

Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1965. Field checked 1967

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Kansas coordinate system, south zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 14, shown in blue

Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown

Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked

To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983,
move the projection lines 29 meters east as shown by
dashed corner ticks

Revisions shown in purple compiled from aerial photographs taken 1981
and other sources. This information not field checked. Map edited 1983

UTM GRID AND 1983 MAGN
DECLINATION AT CENTER

0°34' 142
10 MILS

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